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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

1. ON 29 SEPT 77 AT 1830 HOURS LOCAL ONE GARY VAN DYK, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A BRITISH SUBJECT WHO WAS BORN IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA ON 25 MAY 1936 AND WHO SAID HE IS A LITERARY AGENT BY PROFESSION AND RESIDES AT 62 REDKNOLL WALK, CHELSEA, SW-3, LONDON WALKED INTO U.S. MISSION, SUBJECT WHO IS STAYING AT HOTEL AMAT IN GENEVA ORIGINALLY CONTACTED DCM SORENSON WHO ASKED THAT <sup>27</sup>[COS] INTERVIEW HIM.

2. SUBJECT GAVE THE FOLLOWING STORY WHICH ADMITTEDLY APPEARS DISJOINTED BUT MAY MAKE SENSE TO AFRICA DIVISION, ONE REASON FOR INCOHERENCY IS THAT SUBJECT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE STORY LEAKING TO OUTSIDERS I.E. THE PRESS AND WAS VERY RETICENT ABOUT NAMING NAMES OR DATES:

A. IN JUNE 1977 FRANK STURGIS (PRESUMABLY SAME PERSON OF WATERGATE FAME) CAME TO LONDON AND CONTACTED AN UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER OF FNLA. THROUGH LATTER, STURGIS

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HOPED TO MEET HOLDEN ROBERTO, SUBJECT LEARNED OF THIS APPROACH AND SINCE SUBJECT SAYS HE IS A CLOSE FRIEND AND SUPPORTER OF DANIEL GIPENDA, HE PUT STURGIS IN TOUCH WITH VICTOR FERNANDEZ. SUBJECT SAYS THAT AT THAT TIME HE DID NOT KNOW WHO FRANK STURGIS WAS.

B. VICTOR FERNANDEZ WAS IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ABORTIVE COUP OF MAY 1977 IN ANGOLA.

STURGIS TOLD FERNANDEZ THAT HE REPRESENTED A GROUP OF CUBAN EXILES AND WAS IN A POSITION TO MAKE AVAILABLE 2000 ANTI-CASTRO CUBANS WHO WOULD GO TO ANGOLA TO PARTICIPATE IN ANOTHER COUP TO OVERTHROW THE CURRENT ANGOLAN REGIME.

C. STURGIS AND FERNANDEZ REPORTEDLY SIGNED AN AGREEMENT IN LONDON WHEREBY STURGIS PLEDGED FINANCIAL AND MILITARY SUPPORT (ACCORDING TO SUBJECT FROM SOME LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS) AND AGREED AS TO WHO THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN EXILE (I.E. ANGOLA) WOULD BE.

D. GIPENDA, WHO AT THE TIME WAS IN LONDON, WAS SUSPICIOUS OF STURGIS BUT WENT ALONG WITH FERNANDEZ GETTING HELP FROM STURGIS. GIPENDA THEN WENT TO GENEVA WHERE HE HAS BEEN EVER SINCE IN AMAT HOTEL. GIPENDA HAS BEEN WAITING AROUND, ACCORDING

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TO SUBJECT, TO SPEAK TO MOBUTU, WHO AS HQS KNOWS IS CURRENTLY IN SWITZERLAND. SUBJECT SAID THAT THE GIPENDA/MOBUTU TALK WILL TAKE PLACE IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

E. MEANWHILE GIPENDA AND SUBJECT AND POSSIBLY OTHERS HAVE RUN UP A 60,000 FRANC (US\$ 25,000) HOTEL BILL AT AMAT HOTEL AND EVIDENTLY THE HOTEL MANAGEMENT PLANS TO CALL THE POLICE IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO IF BILL IS NOT PAID.

F. SUBJECT BROUGHT WITH HIM A FILE OF XEROXED DOCUMENTS IN A LOOSE LEAF NOTEBOOK WHICH HE FLEETLY EXHIBITED. THERE WERE SEVERAL PHOTOS OF SUBJECT IN CAMOUFLAGED JUNGLE DRESS IN A JUNGLE, A PHOTO OF A PERSON SIMILARLY DRESSED WHOM SUBJECT IDENTIFIED AS FERNANDEZ AND LISTS OF EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATERIAL WHICH SUBJECT SAID WAS SENT BY SOVIETS TO CUBAN FORCES IN ANGOLA. ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, THIS INTELLIGENCE WAS SENT OUT BY MPLA MEMBERS STILL IN ANGOLA.

G. SUBJECT SAID THAT ANOTHER COUP AGAINST ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT IS CURRENTLY BEING PLOTTED AND, IF SUCCESSFUL, PLOTTERS WANT GIPENDA\* TO BE THE NATIONAL LEADER AND NOT HOLDEN ROBERTO. SUBJECT APPEARS STRONGLY ANTI-HOLDEN ROBERTO AND SAVIMBA.

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H. SUBJECT DID NOT MAKE ANY PITCH FOR MONEY OR ANY OTHER REQUEST BUT SAID HE WOULD LIKE SOMEONE FROM WASHINGTON WHO WAS FAMILIAR WITH ANGOLAN MATTERS TO COME TO GENEVA SOONEST TO SPEAK WITH GIPENDA IF WE WANTED TO LEARN MORE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO [COS] QUESTION, SUBJECT SAID HE WAS NOT A MERCENARY BUT HE WANTED AS A FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN TO SEE CURRENT ANGOLAN REGIME THROWN OUT ALONG WITH THE CUBANS. IN SPITE OF SUBJECT'S STATEMENT THAT HE DOES NOT WANT ANY MONEY OR DID HE COME TO MISSION TO SELL INFORMATION, IT IS OBVIOUS SUBJECT AND GIPENDA ARE OUT OF MONEY. SUBJECT WENT TO EXCEPTIONAL LENGTHS TO BE ASSURED THAT ABOVE INFORMATION WOULD NOT LEAK. HE APPEARS TO BE A VERY WELL-EDUCATED, COHERENT, SOFT-SPOKEN INDIVIDUAL IN SPITE OF THE FOREGOING STORY. HE IS ABOUT 6 FEET THREE INCHES TALL, 210 POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR WORK STYLISHLY LONG, LONG FACE, CLEAN SHAVEN. SMOKES BRITISH CIGARETTES, AND SPEAKS WITH EITHER A SOUTH AFRICAN OR AUSTRALIAN ACCENT.

4. [COS] TOLD SUBJECT THAT HE WOULD PASS ALONG SUBJECT'S STORY BUT IT WAS HARDLY LIKELY THAT ANYONE WOULD COME FORWARD TO PAY A \$25,000 HOTEL BILL. [COS] SAID HE HAD HEARD OF FRANK STURGIS BEFORE AND IT APPEARS THAT HE MAY HAVE SOLD FERNANDEZ AND SUBJECT A BILL

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OF GOODS. NO COMMITMENTS OR ANY PROMISES WERE MADE TO SUBJECT NOR  
DID SUBJECT ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN <sup>27</sup>[COS'S] IDENTITY OR NATURE OF HIS  
WORK,

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP HQS EVALUATION OF SUBJECT'S  
STORY AS SKETCHY AND DISJOINTED AS IT SOUNDS. IF  
HQs HAS AF DIVISION OFFICER IN NEARBY COUNTRY WHO FAMILIAR  
WITH ANGOLA, ADVISE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND HIM TO GENEVA  
FOR FURTHER DEBRIEFING OF SUBJECT,

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